

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A lectern comprising:

a) a base adapted for engagement with a supporting surface;

b) ~~a vertically movable~~ single central column assembly defining a lower end attached to the base and an upper end spaced above the lower end; and

5 e) a support member attached to the upper end of the single central column assembly, wherein the single central column assembly is operable to position the support member above the supporting surface; and

a height adjustment arrangement associated with the single central column assembly, wherein the height adjustment arrangement is operable to adjust the height  
10 of the single central column assembly, and wherein adjustment in the height of the single central column assembly is operable to adjust the vertical position of the support member relative to the supporting surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 1, wherein the ~~vertically movable column includes a vertical adjustment mechanism~~ height adjustment arrangement is disposed within in interior defined by the single central column assembly, wherein the ~~vertical height adjustment mechanism arrangement~~ includes a stationary member  
5 interconnected with the base and an extendible and retractable member interconnected with the support member.

3. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 1, wherein the ~~vertical height adjustment mechanism arrangement~~ comprises a linear actuator assembly, wherein the

stationary member comprises a tubular member interconnected with the base and wherein the extendible and retractable member comprises a threaded member

5 interconnected with the support member and engaged with a mating threaded member secured to the tubular member.

4. (Original) The lectern of claim 3, further comprising a motor carried by the support member, wherein the motor is drivingly engaged with the threaded member to impart rotation to the threaded member to selectively raise and lower the support member.

5. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 1, wherein the ~~vertically~~ movable single central column assembly includes at least one telescoping leg member having a first section secured to the base and a second section secured to the support member.

6. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 5, wherein the ~~vertically~~ movable single central column assembly further includes a cover arrangement configured to conceal the at least one telescoping leg.

7. ~~The lectern of claim 6;~~ A lectern comprising:

a base;

a vertically movable column defining a lower end attached to the base and an upper end spaced above the lower end; and

5 a support member attached to the upper end of the column and vertically movable with the column so as to adjust the elevation of the support member

wherein the vertically movable column includes at least one telescoping leg member having a first section secured to the base and a second section secured to the support member, and further includes a cover arrangement configured to conceal the

10 at least one telescoping leg, wherein the support member defines an interior, and  
 wherein the cover arrangement includes a first, fixed length cover member that  
 extends upwardly from the base and a second cover member defined by a pair of  
 cover member sections, wherein an upper end defined by the first cover member is  
 received within the interior of the support member such that support member moves  
 15 relative to the upper end of the ~~support~~first cover member upon vertical adjustment of  
 the column, and wherein the cover member sections of the second cover member  
 collapse and extend relative to each other upon vertical adjustment of the column.

8. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 7, wherein the vertically movable  
 column includes a pair of transversely spaced telescoping legs, and wherein the first  
 cover member extends between the pair of legs on one side of the lectern and wherein  
 the second cover member extends between the legs on an opposite side of the ~~cover~~  
 5 ~~member~~lectern.

9. (Original) The lectern of claim 7, wherein the support member includes an  
 opening providing access to the interior of the support member, and further  
 comprising a keyboard support located in the interior of the support member, wherein  
 the keyboard support is movable between a retracted position within the interior of the  
 5 support member and an extended position in which the keyboard support is moved  
 outwardly of the interior of the support member.

10. (Currently Amended) A lectern comprising:  
 a) a base adapted for engagement with a supporting surface;  
 b) a column defining a lower end attached to the base, and an upper end spaced  
vertically above the lower end; and  
 5 c) a support member attached to the upper end of the column ~~opposite the base~~,  
wherein the support member including defines a front and a rear and includes an

upwardly facing recess adapted to receive an electronic device an upwardly facing computer monitor, and wherein the support member further defines an interior and includes a rearwardly facing opening that provides access to the interior, and wherein  
10 the support member further includes an extendable and retractable keyboard support adapted to support a computer keyboard, wherein the keyboard support is movable between a storage position in which the computer keyboard is positioned within the interior of the support member and an extended position in which the computer keyboard is moved outwardly through the rearwardly facing opening and is positioned  
15 rearwardly of the interior of the support member.

11. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 10, wherein the column ~~is vertically extendable~~includes a height adjustment arrangement for adjusting the height of the support member relative to the supporting surface.

12. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 10, wherein the support member includes an upper wall and wherein the upwardly facing recess extends inwardly from the upper wall, and further comprising a ~~pair of panels~~movable panel arrangement movably engaged with the upper wall for movement between a closed position in  
5 which the panels arrangement is positioned to overlie and enclose the recess and an open position in which the panels arrangement is positioned to expose the recess.

13. (Original) The lectern of claim 10, further comprising one or more power and communication connection members associated with the lectern for providing power and communication capability to a device supported by the support member.

14. (Original) The lectern of claim 13, wherein the support member includes a well located adjacent the recess for receiving one or more cables or wires extending from

the electronic device, and wherein at least one of the power and communication connection members is located in the well.

15. (Currently Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A lectern, comprising:

a base adapted for engagement with a supporting surface;

~~an adjustable height~~ a single central column defining a lower end interconnected with the base and an upper end spaced above the lower end; ~~and~~

5 a support member defining an interior, wherein the support member is secured to the upper end of the ~~adjustable height~~ single central column; and

a height adjustment arrangement associated with the single central column, wherein the height adjustment arrangement is configured and arranged to adjust the height of the single central column, and to thereby adjust the elevation of the support  
10 member relative to the supporting surface.

17. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 16, wherein the ~~adjustable height~~ single central column includes a telescoping leg arrangement.

18. (Currently Amended) The lectern of claim 17, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the height adjustment arrangement includes an extendible and retractable actuator assembly interconnected between the base and the ~~support member~~ single central column for adjusting the elevation of the support member relative to the base, wherein  
5 operation of the actuator assembly causes extension and retraction of the telescoping leg arrangement.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The lectern of claim 18, further comprising~~ A lectern, comprising:

a base;

an adjustable height column defining a lower end interconnected with the base  
5 and an upper end spaced above the lower end, wherein the adjustable height column  
includes a telescoping leg arrangement;

a support member defining an interior, wherein the support member is secured  
to the upper end of the adjustable height column;

an extendible and retractable actuator assembly interconnected between the  
base and the support member for adjusting the elevation of the support member  
relative to the base, wherein operation of the actuator assembly causes extension and  
retraction of the telescoping leg arrangement; and

5 a cover arrangement including a first, fixed height cover section that extends  
upwardly from the base and into the interior of the support member, and a second,  
collapsible cover section that extends between the support member and the base.

20. (Original) The lectern of claim 19, wherein the telescoping leg arrangement  
includes a pair of transversely spaced telescoping legs, wherein the first cover section  
extends between the pair of legs on one side of the lectern and wherein the second  
cover section extends between the legs on the opposite side of the lectern.

21. (Original) The lectern of claim 16, wherein the support member includes an  
opening providing access to the interior of the support member, and further  
comprising a keyboard support member located within the interior of the support

member and movable to an extended position through the opening to provide access  
5 to a keyboard supported by the keyboard support member.

22. (Original) The lectern of claim 16, wherein the support member includes an upper wall defining an upwardly facing recess, and further comprising a pair of panels engaged with the upper wall and movable between an open position providing access to the recess and a closed position preventing access to the recess.

23. (Original) The lectern of claim 16, wherein the support member includes an upper wall defining a support surface, and further comprising a well extending inwardly from the upper wall, wherein the well is configured to receive wires or cables associated with equipment adapted to be supported by the upper wall.

24. (Original) The lectern of claim 23, further comprising a power supply member located in the well for providing a power connection to the wires or cables received within the well.

25. (New) The lectern of claim 1, wherein the single central column assembly includes a fixed height member defining an upper end, and wherein the support member includes an interior into which the upper end of the fixed height member extends, wherein adjustment in the vertical position of the support member by operation of the  
5 height adjustment arrangement of the single central column assembly causes vertical relative movement between the upper end of the fixed height member and the support member within the interior of the support member.

26. (New) The lectern of claim 25, wherein the fixed height member comprises a cover member forming a part of the single central column assembly that extends between the base and the upper end of the single central column assembly.